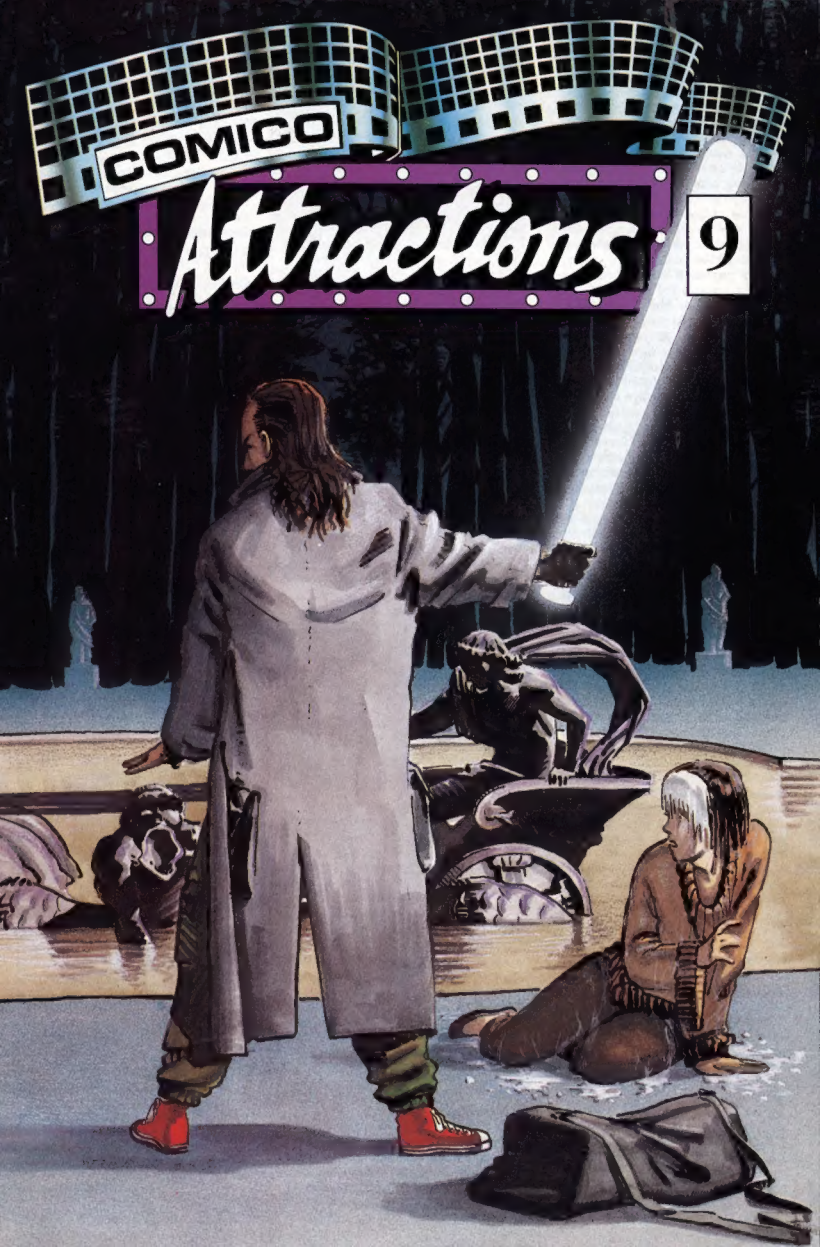
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It seems that everything has fallen into place quite nicely. With the summer out of the way and the foreboding All Hallow's Eve just around the corner, we now find ourselves preparing for the long winter ahead. But before we do, we must look back at our achievements and setbacks to help us evaluate our future. What better time is there than the fall to sit back and take stock of what has gone before? This reflective season is usually a somber, sobering one, however for us here at the Comico offices it is a time of celebration, a fifth anniversary celebration.

All of us would like to thank you for your unwavering support these past years. Your belief in Comico has enabled us to grow in new and innovative ways, but most importantly to continue to produce comic books and graphic novels filled with strong stories and high-quality artwork. This month we are releasing a few commemorative anniversary specials to help us all get in touch and celebrate together. Please drop us a letter and let us know how we're doing! We read each and every letter, and appreciate all the input we can get. Now, on with the show!

As you can see from the cover art of this edition of **Comico Attractions,** there is good cause for celebration, indeed. I am happy to announce that **Matt Wagner** will be taking over the art chores on the **Grendel** series for four consecutive issues starting in January 1988! These follow hot on the heels of **Bernie Mireault's** beautifully illustrated issues of **Grendel,** the first of which premieres this month. Also — here it comes **Mage** fans — Matt will be bringing things full-circle when he continues the adventures of Kevin Matchstick in a four-page back-up in those same four issues of **Grendel!** This is *not* **Mage II.** The Matchstick back-up story takes place sometime after the events chronicled in **Mage I: The Hero Discovered** and will act as a bridging story to **Mage II: The Hero Defined.**

Grendel #16-19 will be produced entirely by **Matt Wagner** himself, except for the lettering by **Bob Pinaha** and coloring by **Tom Vincent** (Wagner paints the back-up). There will be no advertisements or in-house hype whatsoever! Each issue will be 32 pages of solid story and art by one of comicdom's most respected and innovative talents. This marks Matt's first published work in over a year! Like I said . . . it's party time!

On other fronts, **Jonny Quest** just keeps getting better thanks to **William Messner-Loebs, Marc Hempel, Mark Wheatley,** and **Kathryn Mayer.** Look out for guest artists **Ernie Colon** and **Dan Spiegle** in upcoming issues! The three **Robotech** series are reprinting some original Japanese cel animation art as pin-ups on the back covers. **Markalan Joplin, Mike Leeke,** and **Mike Chen** continue to chronicle **The Macross Saga** while new creative teams take over the other two titles. **The New Generation,** also written by Joplin, now features new penciller **Thomas A. Tenney** with **Rich Rankin** on inks, while **Mike Baron** welcomes penciller **Harrison Fong** and inker **Bill Anderson** on **Robotech Masters.**

The **Comico Collection** and the **Black Book** are now on sale. This month also marks the release of **The Fish Police: Hairballs** graphic novel by **Steve Moncuse.** This reprints the first four issues of the original series, published in color for the first time, with some new exterior and interior artwork and an introduction by **Harlan Ellison.**

Speaking of Harlan, don't forget about **Night and the Enemy,** an 80-page graphic novel written by **Ellison** and illustrated by that grandmaster of the airbrush, **Ken Steacy.** It's beautiful and it's coming in November! In December get ready for the return of a legend . . . **Space Ghost!** This 48-page bookshelf format special is by **Mark Evanier, Steve Rude, Willie Blyberg,** and **Ken Steacy.** Who could ask for more?!

What's up with the **Justice Machine?** Get ready for a lot of changes! First, we're sorry to bid farewell to writer **Tony Isabella,** who will be leaving the book. He did a great job and we thank him for his fine contribution to the series. Now, JM fans, because Tony was so good, we knew you wouldn't settle for just anybody to fill his shoes! We know you'll be glad to hear that **Doug Murray** will now be setting the pace as he joins creator **Mike Gustovich** on the mean Machine! Yes, this is the same **Doug Murray** who has had a phenomenal year writing *The 'Nam,* the critically acclaimed series published by Marvel Comics. Look for Doug's first JM issue in February!

And . . . how about a whole *new* monthly series? Set for release in '88, **The Maze Agency** is written by none other than **Mike W. Barr!** It's an all-new series from the same guy who created and wrote the *Outsiders,* and whose scripting of *Detective Comics* has had wildfire success! Comico branches out into yet another new genre with **The Maze Agency** and we're looking forward to your reaction. More info in December!

In an effort to keep you abreast of things, **Max Headroom 3-D** will not be out in December, as previously reported. Don't ask! We'll let you know as soon as it's ready. As for **Dave Stevens' Rocketeer** . . . don't ask! Everyone is working on getting both projects just right, and when we're all happy with what we've got, you'll get it too! That's what Comico's commitment to quality is all about.

Well, we hope you've enjoyed the first five years and again thank you for sharing them with us. We sincerely hope you stick around for the next five so that together we can break some rules, explore new horizons, and let this wonderful medium and our imaginations take us where they will. Remember, the destination isn't half as exciting as the journey itself. So come on! Join us! You ain't seen nothin' yet!

Just trying to be,
Bob Schreck
Administrative Director

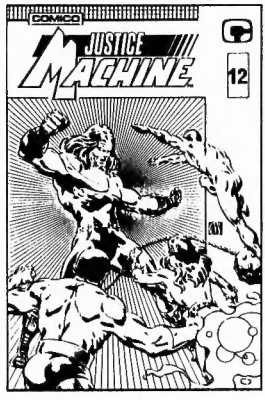
Coming from COMICO...

Shipping November 6, 1987

GRENDEL #14: *Brian learns the truth about Grendel — in more ways than one. Written by* **Matt Wagner** *and illustrated by* **Bernie Mireault.** *Painted cover by* **Mireault** *and* **Ken Steacy.** *This issue contains adult themes and harsh language. Parental Guidance Suggested.*

JUSTICE MACHINE #11: *Talisman fights alone against innumerable odds to avenge Demon. Learn the sinister secret of the Georwell connection as Talisman goes "Over the Edge"! Story by* **Tony Isabella,** *script by* **Markalan Joplin,** *pencils by* **Mike Gustovich,** *and inks by* **Sam Kieth.**

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #23: *Macross City is invaded, and it's up to Rick Hunter to defend it! Meanwhile, Gloval must decide the fate of the Zentraedi defectors! "Reckless" is scripted by* **Markalan Joplin,** *pencilled by* **Mike Leeke,** *and inked by* **Mike Chen.**



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ELEMENTALS #19: *The Elementals hope for a quiet European vacation, but when secret agents, wizards, and "The Manticore" attempt to assassinate them, it's back to work! Story by* ***Bill Willingham,*** *pencils by* ***Grant Miehm,*** *and inks by* ***Keith Wilson.***

JONNY QUEST #18: *With the Quest family out of town, Race goes solo and plays detective — only to be caught in a web of foreign intrigue and whodunnits! "Bannon's Last Case" is written by* ***William Messner-Loebs,*** *and illustrated by* ***Marc Hempel, Mark Wheatley,*** *and* ***Kathryn Mayer.***

NIGHT AND THE ENEMY Graphic Novel: *Hugo and Nebula Award-winner* ***Harlan Ellison*** *joins forces with artist* ***Ken Steacy*** *to create this spectacular 80-page full-color graphic novel consisting of five short stories set against the speculative backdrop of Earth's two-century-long war with the alien Kyben race!*

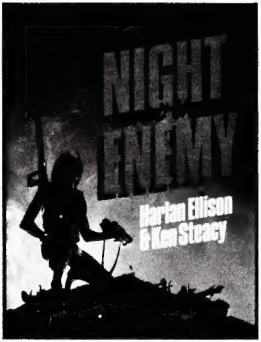
ROBOTECH Masters #20: *When Dana and crew return to Earth with Zor and Musica, secrets are whispered, a traitor is revealed, and the truth comes out at last! Scripter* ***Mike Baron*** *is joined by the new team of penciller* ***Harrison Fong*** *and inker* ***Bill Anderson*** *for "Daydreamer."*

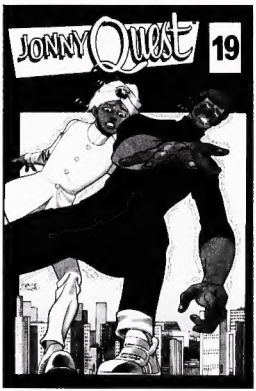
Shipping December 4, 1987

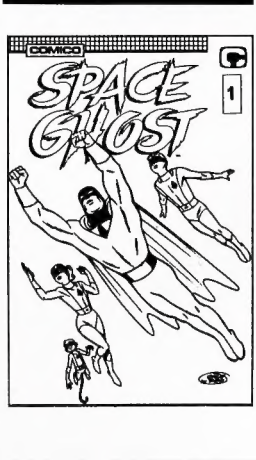
GRENDEL #15: *With evocative art by* ***Bernie Mireault,*** *this critically-acclaimed series is scripted by* ***Matt Wagner,*** *as together they craft the tale of Brian Li Sung and his race with the Devil. Cover painting by* ***Bernie Mireault*** *and* ***Ken Steacy.*** *This issue contains mature themes and harsh language. Parental Guidance Suggested.*

ROBOTECH The New Generation #20: *Annie's got the "Birthday Blues," so everybody tries to lift her spirits . . . even the Invid! This issue is filled with a lot of good old-fashioned fun!* ***Markalan Joplin*** *scripts, rockin'* ***Reggie Byers*** *pencils, and* ***Rich Rankin*** *inks.*

JUSTICE MACHINE #12: *Zarren learns that brute force isn't the only way to skin a populace, as he utilizes the most powerful weapon ever: the family television set! Tonight's episode is brought to you by . . . writer* ***Bob Ingersoll,*** *penciller* ***Don Simpson,*** *and inker* ***Mike Gustovich.*** *Also: a Talisman solo adventure, scripted by* ***Markalan Joplin,*** *and illustrated by* ***Mike Gustovich*** *and* ***Aubrey Bradford.***







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COMICO ATTRACTIONS #10: *This edition's beautiful cover painting by magician* ***Frank Thorne*** *is a real kicker! Plus: lots of updates on what's happening and what's going to happen at Comico The Comic Company.*

ELEMENTALS #20: *Plucked from her already unusual daily routine, Morningstar finds herself in a realm of myths and legends. Problem is, she's got a date with one of them! "The Reptile and I" is written by* ***Bill Willingham,*** *pencilled by* ***Jill Thompson,*** *and inked by* ***Keith Wilson.***

JONNY QUEST #19: *Jonny and Hadji are taught that there is more to life than adventure and excitement, as Dr. Dharma opens the door to their spiritual consciousness in a light-hearted, whimsical tale, entitled "Lesson One," written by* ***William Messner-Loebs*** *and illustrated by guest artist* ***Ernie Colon.***

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #24: *Things get hot and steamy as Lisa returns to Earth to smoke a peace pipe with the Zentraedi, Max and Miriya duke it out on the video screen, and Kyle's got something hanging heavy on his heart for the lovely Minmei! It's a "Showdown," folks! Written by* ***Markalan Joplin*** *with guest artists* ***Howard Bender*** *pencilling and* ***Sal Trapani*** *inking.*

SPACE GHOST #1: *This is a dream-come-true! Kirby Award-winning artist* ***Steve Rude*** *lovingly renders his finest work to date as he, writer* ***Mark Evanier,*** *inker* ***Willie Blyberg,*** *and colorist* ***Ken Steacy*** *breathe life into everybody's favorite Hanna-Barbera character . . . Space Ghost! Along with Jan, Jace, and Blip, this classic character faces the ultimate challenge! Presented in the prestige/bookshelf (Dark Knight) format with airbrushed backgrounds, this 48-page volume will also feature original model sheets from the 1960s TV series. Cover art by* ***Steve Rude.*** *A true collector's item!*

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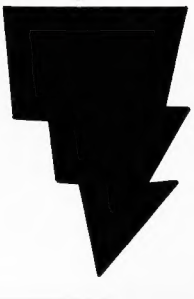

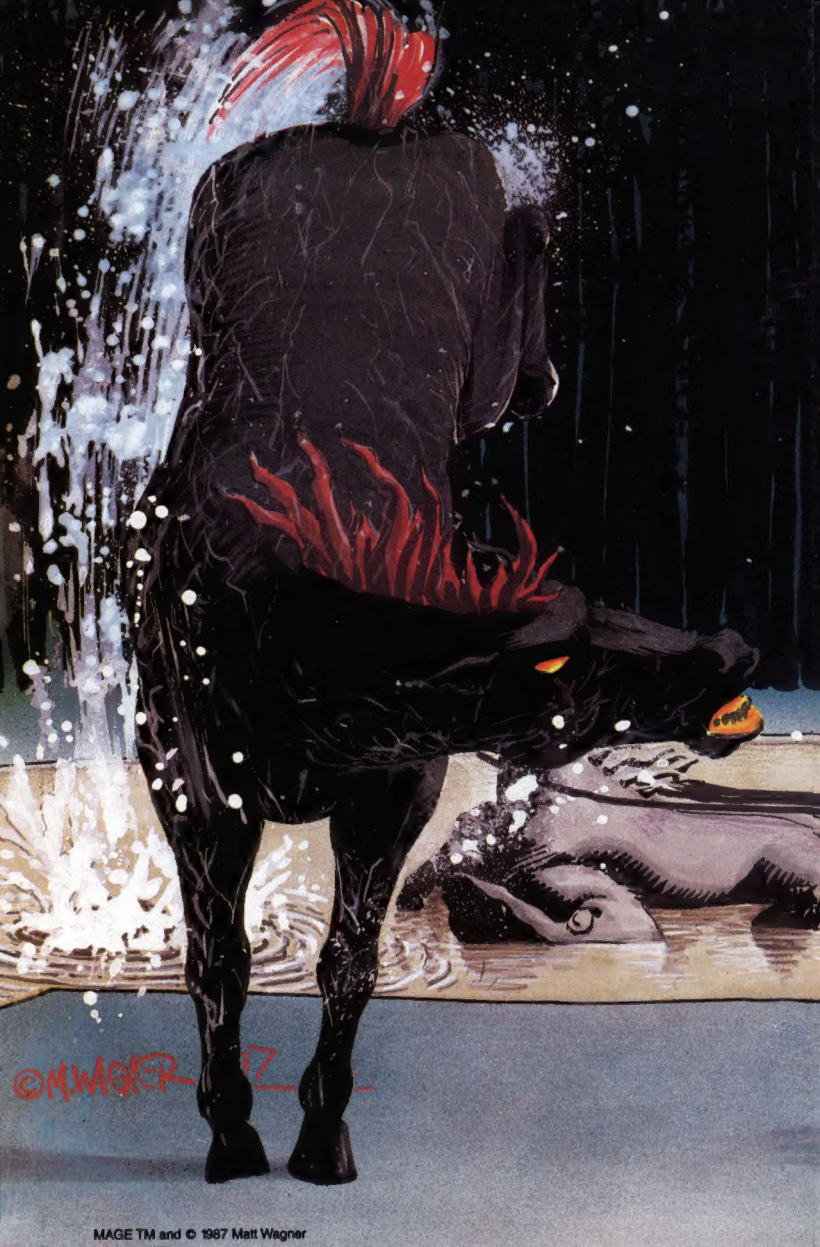

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